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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 55.3 degrees, 10.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, April 10, 2005. Precipitation averaged 0.16 inches, 0.74 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 34, 20 points above normal.

Reporters rated 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, April 8, 2005. Days suitable for field work is up 1.3 days from 0.7 days last year. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 44 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2005	2.0	1.5	3.5
2004	0.7	1.5	2.2
2000-2004 Average	2.5	2.3	4.8

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	56	44
Last Week	0	0	48	52
Same Week Last Year	0	0	28	72
2000-2004 Average	1	9	56	34

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 10

Rain and snow from the previous weekend kept most producers out of their fields during the first part of the week but warmer, drier weather finally arrived and allowed many to get a start on their springtime activities. Producers took advantage of the dry conditions to top-dress winter wheat, fertilize and till cropland, haul manure, repair and install drainage tile, clean up storm debris, haul grain and prepare equipment for planting. Some producers were able to apply anhydrous ammonia, and over seed hay and pasture land. Some of the State’s vegetable growers planted cabbage and sweet corn while orchard producers pruned and sprayed their trees. Corn growers are hoping for continued dry weather and warmer soil temperatures as planting draws near.

As of Sunday evening, 10 percent of the State’s intended oat acreage was planted compared to 12 percent last year and 23 percent for the five-year average. Seven percent of the winter wheat acreage has jointed compared to 12 percent last year and 12 percent for the five-year average. Twenty-three percent of Ohio’s apple trees are in the green-tip stage compared to 42 percent last year at this time and 38 percent for the five-year average. Twenty percent of the peach trees are in green tip compared to 41 percent in 2004 and 37 percent for the five-year average. A very limited amount of the State’s potato acreage was planted last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Winter wheat acreage continued to green up last week as temperatures rose. Seventy-eight percent of the acreage is rated in fair-to-good condition, but there were some reports of flooding in low lying fields. Both hay and pasture land are rated in mostly fair-to-good condition with grass rapidly greening up due to recent temperatures. The majority of the State’s apple and peach trees are rated in fair-to-good condition.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 10

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Apples in green tip and beyond	23	42	38	NA	NA
Oats planted	10	12	23	2	NA
Peaches in green tip and beyond	20	41	37	NA	NA
Potatoes Planted	1	3	5	NA	NA
Winter Wheat Jointed	7	12	12	2	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 10

APPLES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	27	55	17
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	17	70	11
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	6	32	52	9
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	6	27	58	8
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	19	64	13
Previous Week	1	5	22	61	11
Previous Year	0	3	17	65	15
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	11	32	47	7
Previous Week	3	17	32	43	5
Previous Year	1	10	27	52	10
PEACHES	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	6	28	43	20
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	18	69	11
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	23	55	17
Previous Week	1	5	28	52	14
Previous Year	1	4	23	58	14

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY APRIL 10

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	54.1	11.0	0.14	-0.72	0.50	-0.66	73	50	79	46
North Central	53.7	10.6	0.21	-0.65	1.28	0.09	67	44	71	38
Northeast	51.5	9.0	0.21	-0.67	1.91	0.60	61	39	62	29
West Central	55.5	10.6	0.21	-0.73	0.91	-0.39	77	49	83	41
Central	56.5	10.7	0.15	-0.78	1.24	-0.11	83	51	91	45
Central Hills	54.3	10.4	0.08	-0.84	1.38	0.00	72	45	77	37
Northeast Hills	53.2	8.6	0.07	-0.83	1.52	0.16	68	40	72	29
Southwest	57.6	10.6	0.24	-0.76	1.03	-0.41	86	51	93	42
South Central	58.4	10.1	0.23	-0.60	1.58	0.37	93	51	102	39
Southeast	56.5	10.0	0.09	-0.83	1.51	0.18	85	49	92	39
STATE	55.3	10.2	0.16	-0.74	1.26	-0.04	78	48	83	39

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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